

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re application of:</b> Joshi, et al.	<b>Dated:</b> November 26, 2008
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<b>Title:</b> Soft Metal Conductor and Method of Making	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on December 31, 2003 as a reissue application. On a final Office Action dated October 6, 2005, claims 1-21 and 33-37 were allowed. Claims 22-32 were rejected as being based on a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251. On November 14, 2005, in response to the final Office Action dated October 6, 2005, Applicants timely submitted an executed Supplemental Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) to overcome the rejection. Ever since, Applicants have not received any official communication regarding this application from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

On January 11, 2007, Applicants submitted a Status Inquiry. However, Applicants have not received any response to the inquiry.

Starting in January 2008, Applicants' undersigned representative has made numerous phone calls to the Examiner and his supervisor. Both the Examiner and his supervisor indicated

that this application had been allowed and a Notice of Allowance would issue soon. However, so far Applicants have not received a Notice of Allowance yet.

Once again, Applicants respectfully request information as to the status of this application and when a Notice of Allowance is to be expected. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number indicated below.

If any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully Submitted,

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